



# Merrymeeting Soccer Club

*Merrymeeting Soccer Club provides opportunities for boys and girls living in and around the SAD 75 area to play travel team soccer consistent with the guidelines of the United States Soccer Federation and Soccer Maine. The Club encourages play within the State of Maine, and supports competitive interstate options for individual teams at their discretion and in accordance with equitable budgetary allocations. While striving to field competitive teams within all age groups, the Club will foster, through its coaches, players, and parents, an atmosphere that promotes mutual respect, individual dignity, an appreciation of team play, and good sportsmanship. Through adherence to these fundamental principles of youth athletics, it is the goal of Merrymeeting Soccer Club to make travel team soccer an enjoyable experience for players, coaches, and their families.*

May 11, 2020

Registration is now open for the 2020 Fall Classic Season on SportsEngine. In these unprecedented times, the Board does not have the confidence to even wager a prediction about what our enrollment numbers might look like for the upcoming season. Unlike other years, we will not be able to execute in-person assessments. Once we have our player registrations, the Board will meet in an executive session to determine how best to form our teams and distribute our players fairly. We assure you that we will consult coaches and rely on our player development board experts to inform our decisions. But, Before we can even begin to form teams and distribute players, we must first have an accurate count of our athletes who intend to participate. **Registration must be completed by no later than May 31, 2020.**

<https://merrymeetingsoccer.sportngin.com/register/form/620396973>

The cost for the Fall 2020 season will be \$195. This includes your uniform kit (home and away jersey, shorts and socks) There is an easy to follow, fit guide attached to the registration. We ask that you take the time to consider what size your player will need in the fall by referencing the chart. We intend to source the uniforms from Healey again, so you can expect them to be consistent with last year's sizing. At the time of registration, we will not be asking for Fall fees. We will be asking for Fall Fees and requiring you to register with GotSoccer upon team offers, which we hope to make no later than June 19th. If you registered and paid for the Spring season, there will be a box to check to indicate this. That money will go towards your fall registration fees. As previously mentioned, if your family has a situation in which you would like a cash refund for your Spring Fees please reach out to [hallen@mainerentals.com](mailto:hallen@mainerentals.com) or [sara.forcier@gmail.com](mailto:sara.forcier@gmail.com). Additionally, we do not want financial hardship to be the prohibitive factor in whether or not a young person is able to play soccer. If you require financial assistance, please reach out confidentially to Club President Heather Allen at [hallen@mainerentals.com](mailto:hallen@mainerentals.com) to discuss financial aid opportunities.

Merrymeeting Soccer Club serves teams for Girls and Boys U9-U14. Eligible players for the 2020/2021 season will have been born between August 1, 2006-July 31, 2013. (Players born between August 1, 2012- July 31, 2013 are considered true U8 players and we are only able to roster those players when space allows.) In past years, our recruitment has relied on flyers home in back-packs, and hung on bulletin boards in spaces where people normally congregate. Unfortunately, those avenues do not exist for us at this time and while we intend to advertise heavily on Social Media, we ask that existing club members pass on this information to other families who may have an interest in playing travel soccer in the fall, but may not have the means to obtain the information. While our players primarily come from MSAD 75 sending towns, any player who lives in a town without a club travel program can play for us. If you have friends or belong to Web boards in surrounding towns, please share our registration information, specifically we are looking to add players from Bath, Wiscasset, Lisbon, Richmond, Dresden, Litchfield and Monmouth.

We are still looking for Sponsors to off-set the rising costs associated with our club, with the intent to not raise registration fees in future years. Our club is a not for profit organization, with a completely volunteer Board of Directors. Increased costs can be attributed to higher field costs in part due to the loss of fields associated with the High School Build project and also unfavorable weather. Player and administrative fees to Soccer Maine and USA

Soccer also increased over the last few years. If you know a business that would like to contribute to the success of Merrymeeting Soccer please reach out to Nathan Wallace at [woolwichconstruction@yahoo.com](mailto:woolwichconstruction@yahoo.com)

We are all feeling disappointment around the cancellation of our Spring Season. It is unclear, when and in what capacity we'll be able to resume play as normal. The board is currently vetting ideas and looking for creative opportunities to offer some summer programming. Please be on the look-out for details, which we will communicate as soon as we have them.

Finally, I want to remind everyone again that our Board of Directors is made up strictly of volunteers who give their time because they love kids, love soccer and believe in the mission of Merrymeeting Soccer. We have been making upgrades to our club's web-page, including adding a page with Board Member names, biographies, photos and contact information. We intend to have the site completed by the end of this Month. We hope you'll stop by for a visit, and we welcome photo contributions and content suggestions. In the meantime, in order to be more responsive to questions I have assigned each age group a specific board member to reach out to if you have questions, comments or concerns. We have other board members as well. As always, any Board member is happy to try to answer your question, but this will help us share the work.

**U14** ( 8.1.2006-7.31.2007) : Heather Allen [hallen@mainerentals.com](mailto:hallen@mainerentals.com)

**U13** (8.1.2007-7.31.2008) : Sara Forcier [sara.forcier@gmail.com](mailto:sara.forcier@gmail.com)

**U12** (8.1.2008-7.31.2009): Pamela Cook [pcook194@gmail.com](mailto:pcook194@gmail.com)

**U11** (8.1.2009-7.31.2010): Nathan Wallace [woolwichconstruction@yahoo.com](mailto:woolwichconstruction@yahoo.com)

**U10** (8.1.2010-7.31.2011): Kristina York [Kristinayorkre@gmail.com](mailto:Kristinayorkre@gmail.com)

**U9** (8.1.2011-7.31.2013): Lou-Anne O'Banyel [louanne.jensen@gmail.com](mailto:louanne.jensen@gmail.com)

We hope this finds you and your families healthy and safe!! We can't wait until we can all play soccer together again!!

#GOEagles #youllneverflyalone

Merrymeeting Soccer Club Board of Directors,

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Chad Kirk: Player Development/Programming